

Table 3
Social, Welfare, and Health Data

Source: *N.C. Health Statistics Pocket Guide – 2005*, State Center for Health Statistics

	United States	North Carolina	Number of States Higher
Federal Food Stamp Program, Benefits per Participant, FY 2004	\$1,031	\$1,008	21
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, FY 2005	\$238	\$227	21
SSI ¹ Payments per Recipient, 2003	\$5,026	\$4,253	42
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, 2004	\$263	\$256	20
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit, 2004			
Retired Workers ²	\$955	\$934	32
Disabled Workers	\$894	\$877	33
Widows and Widowers ³	\$920	\$860	42
TANF ⁴ Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 2004	1.6	0.9	40
Percent Current Cigarette Smokers, 2003 ⁵	22.1	24.8	15
Per Capita Federal Aid to State and Local Governments, FY 2003	\$1,329	1,195	33
Per Capita State Government Expenditures, FY 2002 ⁶	\$3,859	\$3,556	34
Employment (FTE) in Health, 2003			
State Government (thousands)	177	4	13
Local Government (thousands)	254	20	2
Employment (FTE) in Hospitals, 2003			
State Government (thousands)	403	17	4
Local Government (thousands)	507	24	14
Hazardous Waste Sites on the Superfund Priorities List, 2004	1,286	30	12
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population, 2003 ⁷	3,588	4,278	12
Violent Crime ⁸	475	455	20
State Parks and Recreation Areas, 2003			
Acres per 1,000 Population ⁶	47	20	35

¹Supplemental Security Income. ²Excludes special benefits. ³Nondisabled only. ⁴Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. ⁵Among civilian population age 18 and over. ⁶Excludes District of Columbia. ⁷Offenses known to the police. ⁸Murder (including non-negligent manslaughter), forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.